

### **REMARKS**

In paragraph 1 of the Office Action Applicant's prior election of claims 1-9 is acknowledged. Responsive thereto, Applicant confirms the election of claims 1-9.

In paragraph 2 of the Office Action it is indicated that the application is in condition for allowance except for some formal matters. Responsive thereto, Applicant appreciates the indication of allowability.

In paragraph 3 of the Office Action the drawings are objected to because Fig. 2 fails to depict the line designator "3-3". Responsive thereto, Applicant has submitted a replacement sheet of drawings which includes the line designator "3-3" in Fig. 2.

In paragraph 4 of the Office Action claims 1, 3, 6 and 8 are objected to because of informalities identified therein. Responsive thereto, Applicant appreciates the Examiner's close reading of the claims, and Applicant has amended the objected to claims as indicated in this objection. Applicant therefore submits that these amended claims are now in condition for allowance.

In paragraph 5 of the Office Action reasons for allowance of the claims are provided. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's detailed analysis of the prior art and identification of allowable subject matter.

Having responded to all of the paragraphs of the Office Action, and having amended the claims accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the Application is now in condition for allowance. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that a Notice of Allowance be forthcoming

at the Examiner's earliest opportunity. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments with regard to this amendment, a telephonic conference at the number set forth below is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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